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Civil Action No. 5:25-cv-00792-FB

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c. Defendant reserves the right to assert additional defenses that may become applicable as discovery progresses or further proceedings develop.

III. PRAYER

Defendant respectfully prays that Plaintiff take nothing by this action, that judgment be entered in Defendant's favor, and for such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Defendant may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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Pro Se Defendant

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